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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I choose Sonic as my carrier after 20 years of functional but expensive tele/internet service from AT&T because Sonic provides better service than AT&T at almost 1/2 the price. There was no other competitive choice available in our area for years until Sonic arrived.

Consumers like good service with responsive companies, not giant companies that need to charge high fees to support their huge bureaucracies and endless marketing offers. AT&T sent me an average of 1 sales offer request per week for years by US mail, even after I requested they stop their incessant mailing, not to mentions the emails... It was an incredible waste of resource at an expense that I assume they pass on to their customers. No wonder why the large companies want to squeeze out smaller company competitors.

Sonic also offered fiber optic service which wasn't available elsewhere at the time. AT&T was pushing the same services in different packaging rather than improving the service they already had.

Sincerely,

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